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In the Matter of the Application of	)	
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ALLTEL Communications, Inc.	)	Docket No. 96-45
	)	FCC 97-419
	)	
For Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications	)	FCC File No. _____
Carrier Pursuant to Section 214(e)(6) of the	)	
Communications Act of 1934	)	

To: The Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE  
APPLICATION OF ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER  
IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA**

ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ALLTEL ") submits herewith its first amendment to its pending petition seeking designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC ") in the State of Alabama (the "ALLTEL Petition ").<sup>1</sup> In particular, ALLTEL submits an Exhibit delineating the wire centers and service areas of the various rural telephone companies (the "Rural Telephone Companies ")<sup>2</sup> in whose territory ALLTEL intends to provide its ETC service. ALLTEL further seeks to have the study areas of each of those companies redefined on a wire center by wire center basis.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See, *Application of ALLTEL Communications, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Alabama*, CC Docket No. 96-45, filed April 14, 2002.

<sup>2</sup> These Rural Telephone Companies include: ALLTEL Alabama, Inc.; Butler Telephone Company, Inc.; Frontier Communications of Alabama, Inc.; Frontier Communications of the South; Millry Telephone Company and Pine Belt Telephone Company, Inc. The wire centers of each of these companies are listed in the Exhibit attached hereto, along with an indication as to whether the particular wire center is to be served within ALLTEL's proposed ETC service area.

<sup>3</sup> ALLTEL notes that the only wire center that is partially served by ALLTEL's proposed service territory (the Nanafalia wire center within the service area of Pine Belt Telephone Company) has been excluded from ALLTEL's proposed ETC service area.

**ALLTEL Requests Redefinition of the Rural Telephone Companies Study Areas on a Wire Center by Wire Center Basis.**

In its petition, ALLTEL delineated at Exhibit D by wire center those rural service areas it served with its proposed ETC service area as well as delineated at Exhibit E those rural wire centers in which it did not propose to provide service. Further, the ALLTEL Petition sought to have the study areas of each of the Rural Telephone Companies redefined to exclude those wire centers listed on Exhibit E in which ALLTEL did not provide service and which, consequently, were outside ALLTEL's proposed ETC service area.<sup>4</sup>

ALLTEL hereby provides the Commission's staff with a consolidated listing of the wire centers within the service area of each of the Rural Telephone Companies along with a notation as to which of the wire centers ALLTEL proposes to serve and which are outside of ALLTEL's service area. Further, rather than seek redefinition of each of the Rural Telephone Companies' study areas to include the sum territory of the wire centers in which ALLTEL proposes to provide ETC service, ALLTEL amends its petition to seek reclassification of each wire center of the Rural Telephone Companies in which ALLTEL intends to provide service as separate service area on a wire center by wire center basis.

Under the FCC's rules, a petition to define LEC service areas must contain an analysis that takes into account the recommendations of the Federal-State Joint Board with respect to the definition of a service area served by a rural telephone company.<sup>5</sup> But inasmuch as the analysis provided by ALLTEL in its original petition is equally relevant to its amended redefinition request as contained herein, ALLTEL need not reiterate that

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<sup>4</sup> See, *ALLTEL Petition* at page 8.

<sup>5</sup> See, 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.207(c)(1)

analysis for purposes of the instant amendment. Rather, for the reasons set forth in its original petition, as incorporated herein by reference, the service areas of the Rural Telephone Companies should be redefined on a wire center by wire center basis, so that each wire center is a separate service area.<sup>6</sup>

**Conclusion**

ALLTEL hereby amends its original petition as set forth herein and respectfully urges the Commission to grant its petition seeking designation as an ETC on an expedited basis.

Respectfully submitted,  
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<sup>6</sup> ALLTEL notes that this amendment has been made as the request and suggestion of the Commission's staff and comports with the approach taken Virginia Cellular, LLC with respect to similar issues raised in the amendments to Virginia Cellular, LLC's ETC Petition filed on October 21, 2002 and April 17, 2003.

**ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**  
**AMENDMENT 1 TO PETITION FOR ETC STATUS IN ALABAMA**  
**Study Areas Partially Served**

Company	County	Wirecenter	CLLI Code	
<b>ALLTEL Alabama, Inc.</b>				
	Elmore County	ECLECTIC	KWLGALXA	Served
	Elmore County	ECLECTIC	ECLCALXA	Served
	Tallapoosa County	CAMP HILL	CMPHALXA	Served
	St. Clair County	ASHVILLE	AHVLALXA	Not Served
	St. Clair County	MOODY	LEDSALXB	Not Served
	St. Clair County	ODENVILLE	ODVLALXA	Not Served
	St. Clair County	SPRINGVILLE	SPVLALXA	Not Served
	Tallapoosa County	CAMP HILL	CMPHALXA	Not Served
<b>Butler Telephone Co., Inc.</b>				
	Clarke County	GROVE HILL	GVHLALXA	Served
	Pike County	GOSHEN	GSHNALXA	Served
	Choctaw County	BUTLER	BTLRALXA	Not Served
	Choctaw County	LISMAN	LSMNALXA	Not Served
	Choctaw County	NEEDHAM	NDHMALXA	Not Served
	Choctaw County	PENNINGTON	PNTNALXA	Not Served
<b>Frontier Communications of Alabama, Inc.</b>				
	Baldwin County	CHRYSLER	CHRYALXA	Served
	Clarke County	GOSPORT	GSPTALXA	Served
	Conecuh County	REPTON	RPTNALXA	Served
	Monroe County	BEATRICE	BTRCALXA	Served
	Monroe County	FINCHBERG	FNBGALXA	Served
	Monroe County	FRISCO CITY	FRCYALXA	Served
	Monroe County	MONROEVILLE	EXCLALXA	Served
	Monroe County	MONROEVILLE	MOVLALXA	Served
	Monroe County	PETERMAN	PTMNALXA	Served
	Monroe County	URIAH	URIHALXA	Served
	Wilcox County	PINEAPPLE	PNAPALXA	Served
	Lamar County	KENNEDY	KNDYALXA	Not Served
	Lamar County	MILLPORT	MLPTALXA	Not Served
<b>Frontier Communications of the South</b>				
	Escambia County	ATMORE	ATMRALXA	Served
	Escambia County	HUXFORD	HXFRALXA	Served
	Escambia County	MCCULLOUGH	MCCLALXA	Served
	Wilcox County	CAMDEN	CMDNALXA	Served
	Wilcox County	CATHERINE	CTHRALXA	Served
	Wilcox County	VREDENBURGH	VRBGALXA	Served
	Marengo County	THOMASTON	THMTALXA	Not Served
<b>Millry Telephone Co.</b>				
	Washington County	CHATOM	CHTMALXA	Served
	Washington County	FRANKVILLE	FKVLALXA	Served
	Washington County	MILLRY	MLRYALXA	Served
	Choctaw County	GILBERTOWN	GLTWALXA	Not Served
	Choctaw County	SILAS	SILSALXA	Not Served
<b>Pine Belt Telephone Co., Inc.</b>				
	Wilcox County	ARLINGTON	ARTNALXA	Served
	Marengo County	DIXONS MILLS	DXMLALXA	Not Served
	Marengo County	NANAFALIA*	NNFLALXA	Not Served
	Marengo County	SWEET WATER	SWWRALXA	Not Served

\* Indicates that ALLTEL is licensed to serve part, but not all, of this wire center.  
ALLTEL is not requesting ETC status for a partially served wire center.

**Certificate of Service**

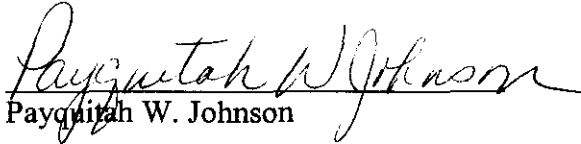
I, Payquith W. Johnson, a secretary with ALLTEL Corporation, do hereby certify that I have on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2003 had a copy of the foregoing FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE APPLICATION OF ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA sent via United States Postal Service to the following:

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